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Steps to Plan Your Cross-Country Move



2 to 3 Months Out: Research and Book Your Mover

Compare moving services by asking each company the same questions, covering delivery windows and how they communicate once your move is booked. Locking in a date 2 to 3 months out protects your preferred window, since popular times like month-end and early summer fill up fast.

6 to 8 Weeks Out: Sort and Downsize

Once your mover is booked, go through your home room by room to decide what to keep, sell, donate, or discard. A lighter, more organized shipment reduces long-distance costs, since interstate pricing ties directly to weight and space.





4 Weeks Out: Start Packing Non-Essentials

Begin with items you won't need before moving day, such as off-season clothing, books, and decor. Label each box by room and contents, note any fragile items, and confirm which rooms your moving crew will handle to avoid overlap on packing day.

2 Weeks Out: Confirm the Details

Confirm your moving date, delivery window, and paperwork with your coordinator, and flag any changes to your inventory or deadline. Use this window to forward your mail, transfer utilities, update your bank and employer, and notify your children's schools.





The Final Week: Keep It Simple

Pack a bag with medications, chargers, and important documents, and confirm arrival details with your coordinator. Set aside a first-night box with bedding, basic kitchen items, and toiletries so you don't have to dig through your whole shipment on arrival.

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